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#### Nature and characteristics

1. The sovereignty of a coastal State extends beyond its land territory and internal waters, and in the case of archipelagic States, their archipelagic waters, over an adjacent belt of sea defined as the territorial sea.
2. The sovereignty of a coastal State extends to the air space over the territorial sea as well as to its bed and subsoil.
3. This sovereignty is exercised subject to the provisions of these articles and to other rules of international law.

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